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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-9 and 11-15, drawn to a motor-generator for a vehicle, classified in class 290, subclass 40B.
 - II. Claim 10, drawn to a motor-generator for a vehicle, classified in class 290, subclass 40A.
 - III. Claims 16-19, drawn to a motor-generator for a vehicle, classified in class 290, subclass 40F.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I, III and II are related as combinations and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combinations as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the rotor of inventions I and III does not requires the at least one layer of thermally conductive film to operate. The subcombination has separate utility such as providing a motor-generator having a rotor with enhanced heat dissipation.

Inventions I, II and III are related as combinations and subcombination. In the instant case, the combinations as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the rotor of inventions I and II does not requires the permanent

magnets rotor of the subcombination. The subcombination has separate utility such as providing a motor-generator having a permanent magnet rotor.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II or III, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Group III, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

6. A telephone call was made to Holly Sy on June 12, 2003 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pedro J. Cuevas whose telephone number is (703) 308-4904. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor R. Ramírez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone

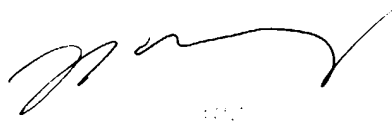
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numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-1341 for regular communications and (703) 305-3432 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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